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The Honorable Michael Chertoff  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Washington, D.C. 20528

Dear Secretary Chertoff:

In light of the Maine state legislature's resolution opposing the implementation of the Real ID Act and the possibility of several other states taking similar actions, I would appreciate a briefing on the Department's implementation plans for this important program. With bills pending in the Montana, Washington, Georgia and Massachusetts legislatures, the Department's leadership in the coming weeks is crucial to the success or failure of the Real ID program.

Recognizing that the Real ID program was enacted to protect the American people from possible terrorists using drivers' licenses to board planes, open bank accounts, and acquire jobs, the refusal of implementation by any state is potentially problematic. You have stated in the past that it is the goal of DHS to have the Real ID Act in place by 2008. Because DHS has not issued the congressionally mandated standards for the program, it is important for Congress to learn the status of implementation of the Real ID Act directly from you and your staff.

If you have any questions please contact [REDACTED] with the Committee staff at (202) 225-5074.

Sincerely,



Tom Davis  
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